



CIVIL AIR PATROL

Unit Commanders: Hundreds of applications for active duty service with the Civil Air Patrol have been received by National Headquarters. Already some of the members who wanted immediate service have been notified and are en route to CAP Task Forces.

Many members, instead of signing up for one, two, or three months per year, have indicated their desire to serve for the duration. A great variety of aviation talent is now available in this pool of CAP personnel. Most, however, are pilots and it should be borne in mind that members with other skills, especially A & E mechanics, will be needed.

COURIER SERVICE--At several points, CAP courier service, which gives the greatest promise for widespread active-duty work throughout the country, is starting on regular scheduled flights or on a stand-by basis with planes and pilots on the alert and ready for consignments. Several Group Commands along main traffic routes have been advised as to developments. It is expected that most of the traffic will be localized within a hundred miles or so of the base of a given courier task force. However, if one task force can hand long-haul shipments over to another at a relay point, consignments can be routed on to distant points without taking any plane outside its task force area.

DRAFT STATUS--Inquiries from members indicate that in some areas the impression has been created that CAP work constitutes grounds for draft exemption. As set forth in the original pamphlet issued when CAP was organized, members are not exempt since the aim of the Patrol is to mobilize the airmen who are ineligible for military service by reason of age, minor disabilities, dependents, work in essential wartime industries, or other good reasons. In some instances, local draft boards have granted deferments to CAP members on active duty missions. But this is a matter entirely between the individual member and his draft board.

FLOOD MISSION--Group 822, Blackwell, Okla., went promptly into action after a recent rainstorm, the heaviest in 20 years, caused all streams throughout the area to rise to flood stage. As soon as weather conditions permitted, Group Commander Walter D. Mauk called out the Patrol. Flights were made over the region to survey rising waters and spot bridges which were washed out. Radio reports were relayed through Station WBBZ at Ponca City. Citizens who were marooned were instructed to spread a bed sheet on the roof as a distress signal plainly visible from the air. The non-flying members of the Patrol gave widespread assistance in policing evacuated areas and aiding in rescue work. The gas line which supplies neighboring cities was patrolled to watch for breaks. The Mayor and Chief of Police were flown over the area. Air ferry service was rendered to defense workers who were cut off from their jobs in Wichita. A service crew was busy on the field to keep 'em flying.

CARTOON--The cartoon herewith by Dick Shaw is from California WING TIPS, published each month by the California Wing. The weekly OCD Newsletter is publishing a regular column on CAP events under the WING TIPS title.



Listen! This is Civil Air Patrol talking--my subject will be "WE'LL SEE YOU IN HELL FIRST--BEFORE YOU GET ANY INFORMATION FROM US!"

MOBILIZATION--The West Virginia Wing mobilized 100 planes and 200 members in Huntington last Sunday. Major Jack Vilas, National Executive Officer reviewed the members in a competitive drill. The Connecticut Wing held a get-together Thursday evening with Governor Hurley as the principal speaker. These meetings mean much in promoting solidarity and in exchanging ideas within the ranks of the Patrol.

GROUP COMMANDERS--In conformity with OCD regulations, all Group Commanders should have formal letters of appointment from the CAP National Commander. Those who do not have such appointments should advise National Headquarters at once through Wing channels. This authority enables Group Commanders to use the franking privilege for official CAP mail.

LANDING SITES--Members of the Troy, N. Y., Squadron have mapped sites on which light planes could land and take off without likelihood of damage. The maps show distance from the airport, shape of the plot, and landmarks. Sites are all within ten miles of Troy Airport.

WAR GAMES--The Hartford and Simsbury Squadrons of the Connecticut Wing opposed each other as blue and red army air units in an air meet to show the important role civilian aircraft and pilots are playing in the defense picture. Planes picked up code messages from scout cars representing advance units of tank forces. The scouts signaled the planes by code messages placed on the ground, and the secret message was deciphered by the pilot who proceeded to the base for further instructions. Here he dropped the message and picked up new instructions.

SQUADRON REPORTS FLOWN--In the Group at Mansfield, Ohio, weekly reports from the Squadrons are being delivered by airplane. The ships rendezvous at a certain place at a certain time and continue in formation to Group Headquarters.

LADYBIRD SQUADRON--Cleveland will soon have an all-girl Squadron bringing together the 70 women members of the local Squadrons into one unit.

REAL PATRIOTISM--Squadron 912-2 of Oakland, California has a recruit, namely, George E. Bradley, of Berkeley, who is totally blind. Bradley, an expert radio technician who lost his sight 10 years ago, holds an operator's license and has built and operated a number of amateur stations. He will complete all basic training courses including first aid, but has been excused from drill.

CAP ON THE AIR--Group 5111 is going on the air very soon, with the help of Group Communications Officer John M. Tiffany, an executive of Radio Station WKRC, Cincinnati. The CAP men will participate in a 15 minute "round-table" discussion of CAP.

CAP MEMBER AIDS AIRMAN--When an Army Air Corps pilot was forced to bail out of his Lockheed P-38, near Aurora, Ind., Bill Fowler, 5111-1, was first to the rescue. He took the flier, who was slightly injured in leaving his ship, in his car to the office of an Aurora physician.

MILITARY COURTESY--The Illinois Wing has published a pamphlet entitled "Questions and Answers on Military Courtesy". It is an attractive five pager which contains constructive questions and answers which everyone should know. Wing Commanders may request several copies from the Illinois Wing Headquarters.